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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN RE VITAMINS ANTITRUST LITIGATION

Misc. No. 99-0197 (TFH);

MDL No. 1285

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO

Nutra-Blend, L.L.C.

NO. 99-3329 (W.D. Mo.)

VS.

F. Hoffman-Laroche Ltd., et al.

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STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED] ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR DEGUSSA AG TO RESPOND TO PLAINTIFF'S REVISED JURISDICTIONAL INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS TO ADMIT

WHEREAS, plaintiff Nutra-Blend, L.L.C.'s First Amended Complaint adding Degussa AG as a defendant was not received by Degussa AG (f/k/a Degussa-Hüls AG) pursuant to Hague Convention procedures until August 21, 2001; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12, Degussa AG is not required to answer or otherwise respond to plaintiff's complaint until September 10, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amended Pretrial Order entered on July 31, 2001 requires

Degussa AG to produce responses to Nutra-Blend's jurisdictional interrogatories and requests to
admit by August 31, 2001;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between Plaintiff Nutra-Blend, L.L.C. ("Nutra-Blend") and Defendant Degussa AG, by and through their

respective counsel that Degussa AG shall have until September 10, 2001 to respond to Nutra-Blend's jurisdictional interrogatories and requests to admit.

All defenses, including specifically the defenses of lack of jurisdiction and insufficiency of service of process, are preserved.

Dated: August 30, 2001

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IT IS SO ORDERED

this 10 day of

, 2001

The Honorable Thomas F. Hogan

United States District Court Chief Judge